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1. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN REF B RECEIVED TODAY IN A LETTER FROM THE CHIEF, SMALLPOX ERADICATION UNIT, WHO.
2. THE PERTINENT PART OF THIS LETTER THAT REFERS TO YOUR QUESTION PARA 1, IS, QUOTE THE C-RATIONS ARE SOLD TO INTERNATIONAL WHO/CDC STAFF EXCLUSIVELY FOR \$16 U.S. PER CASE. AS REGARDS THE QUESTION RAISED IN PARA 2 OF REFTTEL, THE ANSWER IS, QUOTE FROM NOW UNTIL THE END OF THE PROGRAM IN OCTOBER 1979, WE WILL MAINTAIN AN INTERNATIONAL STAFF OF APPROXIMATELY 15 EPIDEMIOLOGISTS AND OPERATIONS OFFICERS. FIVE AMERICANS ARE CURRENTLY WORKING WITH THE SMALLPOX TEAM AND THE SAME NUMBER WILL BE MAINTAINED UNTIL THE END OF THE PROGRAMME. END QUOTE.
3. IT WILL BE OF INTEREST TO CDC THAT, QUOTE FOR MANY OF OUR INTERNATIONAL STAFF, BEING ABLE TO CARRY RATIONS IN THE FIELD HAS MEANT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HAVING A HEALTHY MEAL AND NO FOOD AT ALL. IN TERMS OF PRODUCTIVITY, THE

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RATIONS HAVE ENABLED US TO MAINTAIN MAXIMUM MOBILITY IN THE FIELD AND THE EFFECT ON MORALE HAS BEEN OVERWHELMING. END QUOTE.

4. COPY OF THE LETTER IS BEING FORWARDED BY AIRMAIL THROUGH OIH. VANDEN HEUVEL

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